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The
Local Church
In
God's Mission



Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee — Site of Annual Meeting

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 27-28



The Reverend William J. Andes
Conference Minister



Mr. Jacob Hubert Richter
Moderator



The Reverend Olin Sheppard
Moderator-Elect

celebration

How do we rejoice?

identity

Who are we as a church?

evaluation

How are we doing?

situation

Where are we?

action

What new behavior do we propose?

self-study

What are we doing?



Report Of Commission On Evangelism

The membership of the Commission on Evangelism is largely made up of men who are also members of the Emphasis Committee on "The Local Church in God's Mission," the 1968-69 emphasis of the United Church of Christ.

Two members of the commission have attended training sessions on the above emphasis and, by the time of this Conference session, other members will probably have attended a session held at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Because the Commission feels that "The Local Church in God's Mission" emphasis can be the most meaningful thing to happen to the local churches and to the Southeast Conference in many years, it feels that it should not "cloud the issue" by making other suggestions or by offering other recommendations. It, therefore, urges this Conference, each Association, and each local church to make the Emphasis a very real part of their efforts in the next two years.

It further urges those planning the program for each Associational Meeting to place the Emphasis on the agenda and that each local church set up a committee for carrying out this most important process.

The Reverend Allen B. Hollis Jr. is chairman of the Emphasis Committee. He and the other members are most anxious to assist local churches in their planning and in the carrying out of their plans.

W. Walter Hall, Chairman

The Local Church in God's Mission

The 1968-69 Emphasis

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Report Of Committee On The 1968-69 Emphasis

The chairman of the Committee on the United Church Emphasis and the Reverend Walter Hall represented the Southeast Conference at the initial Conference on "The Local Church in God's Mission" at Alliance, Ohio, following the General Synod last summer. The conference stimulated a good deal of enthusiasm for the "Emphasis."

The delegates reported to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference in July and the directors suggested that they meet with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee heard the reports of the Emphasis Conference and established a Conference Committee for the Emphasis. Allen B. Hollis Jr. was appointed chairman, W. Walter Hall, vice-chairman. Others appointed were John L. Martin, G. Franklin Lewis, John J. Roemer, David L.

Beebe, and L. Floyd Carmack.

The committee presented "Emphasis" to Southeast Conference ministers at the Annual Convocation in January. Funds were secured from the national instrumentalities providing the Convocation to all ministers free of cost. D. Gerald Jud, chairman of the Division of Evangelism, led the sessions. The reaction of the ministers was overwhelmingly favorable. Unfortunately, extremely bad weather and the flu adversely affected the attendance.

The committee has since cooperated with the Lay Life and Work Commission to present the Emphasis to the laymen of the churches. Each member of the committee was assigned as Emphasis Liaison person for the various geographic areas of the Conference. A

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Corrections On OCWM Giving

The March issue of The Southeast News was in error in reporting the 1967 contribution of the Beachton, Evergreen Church near Thomasville, Ga. The correct statement of their giving to the OCWM "Basic Support" should have read \$100.

An error was also made in the report of the Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The correct statement of their giving to the OCWM "Basic Support" should have read \$4900.



Representative Of Executive Council To Speak At Annual Meeting

Mrs. Milford Jaroszewski of Houston, Texas, a leading lay woman of the United Church of Christ and a member of its national Executive Council, will interpret the General Synod and the actions of the Executive Council to the delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference.

Representing the Executive Council, she will also take the actions of our Annual Meeting to the Council and inform its members of our activities.

Mrs. Jaroszewski will address the delegates at the Saturday afternoon session.

The 21-member Executive Council conducts business for the denomination between biennial meetings of the General Synod.

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Report of Commission on Church and Ministry

The Commission on Church and Ministry met February 20 at the Conference office in Atlanta.

MINISTERS' HEALTH INSURANCE

In keeping with the recommendations of the last session of the Southeast Conference, a Ministers' Health Insurance Program has been effected with the Travelers Insurance Company for Conference clergymen.

Presently, 24 ministers participate in the program which became effective January 1. The Commission thinks that other churches would do well to provide financial aid to the pastors who need this insurance program.

SURVEY OF MINISTERIAL STANDING AND TRAINING

A study by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors revealed the following categories of ministerial standing and training among ministers in the Southeast Conference:

- a) Full Ordination (with training, at least college) — 26
- b) Full Ordination (little, if any training) — 33
- c) Licentiates (little training) — 10
- d) Local Ordination (little training) — 4
- e) Unclassified — 24

NEW PROGRAMS FOR MINISTERIAL TRAINING

To meet this crisis in theological education the Commission will seek to strengthen requirements for licensure and ordination and will seek to provide in-service training in several forms:

- a) Trained pastor to untrained pastor relationships (person to person).
- b) Group education through ministerial associations in areas where geography poses no difficulties for travel.
- c) Correspondence and reading courses on the educational level of the individual minister.
- d) Periodic teaching sessions using competent instructors who will relate the training to the needs of the ministers.
- e) Seminar sessions which give the ministers opportunity to set their own

pace and discuss their particular problems.

COMMISSION PROPOSES TO ASSIST CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

To provide for progressive ministerial education the Commission proposes to:

- a) Prepare an "in-service" study and training course for active pastors and for all those aspiring to the ministry who are not professionally trained.
- b) Seek to use educational institutions within the Southeast area which provide continuous study and preparation for the gospel ministry.
- c) Help ministers and ministerial students take advantage of financial aid from sources within the Conference as well as those provided by the denomination's Council for Church and Ministry.
- d) Encourage churches to put into writing the terms of the call of the church to a minister to become its pastor. It is suggested that the Conference Minister and/or Association officials meet with responsible local church officials to discuss the terms of the call and the minister's acceptance of the call before the pastorate begins.
- e) Ast that our Youth Camp programs present a challenge to full-time church related vocations and request pastors to keep alert for youth who may be interested in church related vocations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission on Church and Ministry recommends:

- 1) That the Southeast Conference set up a training program for lay members and lay ministers.
- 2. That the Conference affirm the appointment of a committee composed of the Reverends Jesse H. Dollar, A. R. Van Cleave, and Cliff B. Smith to prepare a study course for in-service training of ministers without formal theological education and for those who seek standing in the ministry who do not have formal training.
- 3. That our churches develop a practice of "Sabbatical Leave" by which a pastor who has served five years or more be granted a leave to study for a period of one to three months while the church continues to pay his salary.

Joe A. French, Chairman

Involvement In National Crisis Is Urged By UCC Executive Council

The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ has expressed "regret" at "the hesitation of Congress to enact new taxes to meet the crisis in the city."

The Council, interim body for the denomination's General Synod, called on the more than 2 million members of the United Church to express to their congressmen support of the recommendations of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

It also urged members to "involve themselves creatively in local projects to alleviate poverty, increase educational opportunity and provide job training and employment opportunities."

Massachusetts Conference Helps Meet Urban Needs

The Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ has allocated \$20,000 to the Commission on Race of the Massachusetts Council of Churches. Another \$80,000 was placed in the Conference's Urban Crisis Budget. Of the latter, \$25,000 will go toward housing development, \$50,000 for New Cooperative Urban Ministries in the Boston area and \$5,000 for the Joint Action in Mission in Boston.

Uplands Retirement Center Furnishing New Rooms

Upon learning of plans for furnishing the rooms in the new addition to the Wharton Nursing Home, the Executive Committee of the Tennessee-Kentucky Association of the Southeast Conference of the United Church voted at its February meeting to make a sizeable contribution to Uplands to go toward furnishing a room.

DIRECTOR HONORED BY ELECTION

At the Annual Meeting of the Council for Health and Welfare Services of the United Church, held in Cleveland, Ohio, in January 1968, the Reverend H. Wayne Peck, administrator of Uplands, was elected to the Executive Committee. He is one of three representatives of the 46 United Church of Christ facilities for the aging who serve on the Executive Committee.



Scenes from Atlanta's Ecumenical Exploration

Exciting, Enlightening Ecumenical Exploration Held By Atlanta Youth

Senior high youths from United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian (USA) and Methodist congregations in Atlanta participated in a weekend Ecumenical Exploration, March 8-10.

"The New Morality" became alive for the youths as they engaged in discussion, viewed movies, and studied literature concerning issues which they confront daily.

New understandings of life and human relations were realized as the teenagers shared experiences across religious, racial and cultural boundaries. And an obvious appreciation for persons as persons was seen in the way the youths accepted and related to one another.

Casual recreation formed a large part of the weekend, allowing the teenagers opportunity to work out new

friendships in a relaxed setting.

The Ecumenical Exploration, held at the Atlanta Baptist Assembly, was co-ordinated by the Reverends Miss Emilie Pitcock, Minister of Religious Education of the Southeast Conference, Riley McDonald, associate minister of the Church of the Master (UP) and Donald Daughtry, associate minister of First Congregational Church of Atlanta (UCC).

Denomination Plans Counseling Program For Draft Age Youth

In accordance with directives of the 1967 General Synod, a plan for a co-ordinated program to provide counsel and aid to young men who will serve in the Armed Forces, to conscientious objectors and selective objectors was reported to the Executive Council of the United Church by the Council for Church and Ministry and the Council for Christian Social Action.

The program, called "Christian Responsibility and Military Service," includes pre-induction counseling, career guidance, maintenance of contact between the serviceman and his home church, training for pastors in counseling draft-age youth, extension of the Christian Social Action Council's program of registering and counseling conscientious objectors, assisting them in securing fair treatment and, finally, working for improvement of draft laws, regulations and administration.

A training program for local pastors, in cooperation with the New York Conference, is scheduled for March 16-29 at Lisle, New York.

Southern Union News

All friends of Southern Union State Junior College will learn with deep regret of the death of W. C. Edge, president from 1948 to 1951.

The beginning of 1968 marked the 10th anniversary of Dr. Walter A. Graham's presidency at Southern Union. In 1964 Southern Union became a part of the State of Alabama's junior college system. It was formerly affiliated with the Congregational Christian churches. Enrollment has doubled since the school became a part of the state system.

Getting Emphasis Started To Be Discussed At Annual Meeting

The Reverend Harold Myers, pastor of the Heidelberg Church in Thomasville, North Carolina, will speak to the delegates of the Annual Meeting Saturday evening on the subject, "How to Get the Emphasis Going In a Local Church."

Myers is chairman of the Church Extension Committee of the Southern Conference, United Church of Christ.

United Church Asks Local Churches To Join War On Poverty

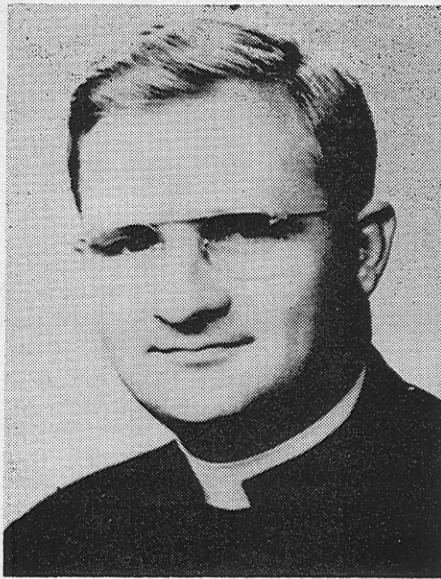
The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ called on the local churches of the denomination to contribute one to five per cent of their local expenses for a nationwide program of action on the "crisis in the nation."

The Council emphasized that the program is to have top priority in the church's life for the next three and a half years. It was designated by the Council to be the denominational emphasis for 1970-1971.

All funds from the "Neighbors in Need" offering in the fall will be used for the program. Small struggling churches will be asked to give at least one per cent of their local expense budgets, while more prosperous churches will be asked to give five per cent or more.

The program will be administered by a committee which the Council will structure to be inclusive and representative in order that its effectiveness may be enhanced.

In a related action, the Executive Council adopted a resolution expressing "regret" at "the hesitation of Congress to enact new taxes to meet the crisis in the cities. It recommended that United Church members express to their Congressmen support of implementation of the recommendations of the National Advisory Committee on Civil Disorders, and urged them "to involve themselves creatively in local projects to alleviate poverty, increase educational opportunity and provide job training and employment opportunities."



Professor To Speak On 1968-69 Emphasis

Dr. Alfred C. Bartholomew, professor of Church and Community at Lancaster Theological Seminary will be the main speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference.

Dr. Bartholomew will address the delegates Saturday morning on the subject "The Nature of the Mission to Which God Is Calling His Church."

Saturday afternoon he will lead a panel discussion on "The Structure of God's Mission As We Know It In the United Church of Christ."

Dr. Bartholomew will deliver the Conference Sermon on Sunday morning, challenging the churches to respond to God's Mission.

Professor Bartholomew's duties at Lancaster include directing an extension program of the Seminary which gives assistance to local rural churches in adjusting to the rapidly changing rural society.

He has worked extensively with rural churches in the Far East.

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See Mrs. Thomas Bender

Colloquy Editor Visits Southeast Conference

John Westerhoff, editor of Colloquy, the newest religious education journal of the United Church of Christ, made a familiarization visit to the Southeast Conference March 12-15.

He met with several churches in Georgia and Alabama, attended meetings of civic organizations, entered into conversations with numerous individuals and engaged in discussions with Southeast Conference personnel.

Colloquy desires to assist the churches by discussing issues which are important to them, Westerhoff said. His visit was made so that he could achieve a deeper understanding of the issues confronting the local churches in our area.

Before returning to his office in Philadelphia he visited the Florida Conference.

Report Of Commission On Institutions, Ministries

Very slowly, the churches of the Southeast are becoming aware and accepting the responsibility for supporting some of the institutions assigned to this area.

The Commission on Institutions and Ministers hopes that every church will decide to give financial support to one or more institutions.

What is your special concern? Child Care Centers? Mentally retarded? Retirement Centers? Members of the Commission will be pleased to give you additional information. Care must be taken not to channel this support at the expense of Our Christian World Mission.

At a recent meeting of Southeast Conference Directors, an interim committee was set up to study the best uses of Dorchester Center.

It is also learned that Vanderbilt Divinity School is now numbered with the seminaries seeking formal support of our denomination.

— Arnold Slater, Chairman

Where Your Money Goes: Back Bay Mission In Biloxi, Mississippi

One of the largest single grants in the current budget of the Division of Church Extension of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries is the \$12,000 which goes to the Back Bay Mission and related projects in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Founded as a mission to the fishing folk who live on the fringe of this Gulf Coast resort east of New Orleans, the Back Bay Mission now carries on a special ministry to servicemen stationed at Kessler Air Force Base as well as the poor — black and white — who live nearby.

Through the creation of the Gulf Coast Family Counseling Agency and the development of a county-wide Headstart program, the Back Bay Mission has initiated major projects which have proved their worth and have now gained community-wide support.

Emphasis . . . (from p. 2)

special effort was planned in Tennessee to present the Emphasis to those ministers who were unable to attend the Annual Convocation. The Committee for the Emphasis hopes that the remaining committee members will attend the Conference on the Emphasis at Lancaster Seminary.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommends that each Association establish an "Emphasis Committee" to assist in translating and transmitting the Emphasis material to its local churches. Also, it encouraged each local church to establish a responsible group in the congregation to spread the Emphasis process to the whole structure and life of the local church.

Allen B. Hollis Jr., Chairman

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Christian Education and Youth Work Commission

The Christian Education Commission met in Atlanta December 2, 1967.

SUMMER WORKERS

The Caravaning and Student Summer Service Workers' programs were reviewed. The consensus was that the programs were successful and, therefore, should be continued. These programs, designed to give aid and support to the local churches in the Southeast Conference (SEC), involve such activities as leading Vacation Bible Schools, organizing recreation for neighborhood children, and conducting regional youth meetings.

AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

The audio-visual materials of the Conference have been reorganized and a revised audio-visual catalog is now available at the Conference office. Many outdated films have been discarded and the check-out procedures have been changed. Also some new audio-visual materials have been added.

The Christian Education and Youth Work Commission was represented at the National Planning Session for Confirmation Education held at Notre Dame University.

NEW LEADERSHIP TRAINING POLICIES

The questionnaire method used to set up area workshops for leadership training has been dropped in favor of a new method. Each area of the Conference has been assigned a key person whose responsibility is to contact persons in the local churches and arrange for workshops on leadership training.

Mrs. Catherine Hurst and the Reverend Donald Daughtry will represent the Southeast Conference at the National Conference on Christian Education. This conference is to be held August 27-30, 1968, at Notre Dame.

About fifteen people, including a denominational team, attended a Camp and Conference Consultation in October. As a result of this consultation, some joint ventures are being attempted.

SUMMER CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

All Junior High and Senior High camping will be done in cooperation with the United Presbyterians.

Junior High Camps: (Grades 7, 8 or 9 completed by summer 1968)

June 17-22 — Resident Camping, Camp Ozone, Tenn.

July 14 - 20 — Resident Camping, Elk River, (north) Ala.

July 28 - Aug. 3 — Resident Conference, Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.

Senior High Camps and Conferences: (10, 11, or 12 grades completed by summer 1968)

July 1 - 14 — Work Camp, Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.

July 1 - 8 — Resident Conference, Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga.

July 26 - 28 — Retreat, Dorchester Center, McIntosh, Ga.

July 28 - Aug. 2 — Appalachian Trail Camp I, based at Maryville, Tenn.

Aug. 4 - 9 — Appalachian Trail Camp II, based at Maryville, Tenn.

Aug. 4 - 10 — Conference, Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn.

Aug. 5 - 10 — Resident Camping, including work projects, possible canoe trips and other activities.

Aug. 19 - 24 — Black Mountain Trail Camp, based at Camp Ozone, Tenn.

Junior High and Senior High Camp:
July 1 - 8 — Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga.

ANNUAL YOUTH MEETING

The SEC Pilgrim Fellowship/Youth Fellowship will hold its annual conference at First Congregational Church in Atlanta March 30-31.

Joint concerns for the Commission for Lay Life and Work and the Commission on Christian Education have been studied and extensive cooperation is anticipated.

Robert W. Hendrix, Chairman

Report Of Commission On Church Extension

The Church Aid Budget is contained in this report. The Commission brings to the attention of the Conference the situations listed, and welcomes your suggestions and comments. This report will not deal with individual church situations with the exception of one new church development project at Bonanza.

The Bonanza community, near Jonesboro, Georgia, now consists of 193 families. Our new church has gotten off to an excellent start under the leadership of Rev. Floyd Carmack. At the time this report is being prepared, the church has 62 members. The average attendance is 82. On February 18, 1968, the church moved into its new Chapel House. This is a dwelling house with the interior finished to serve as chapel and educational building.

This building will be used until the first unit is completed on the church property, which has already been purchased. The Southeast Conference and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries have invested approximately \$65,000 in this new development, with part of this being local loans, plus leadership and program aid.

The congregation has voted to organize under the name Bonanza United Church of Christ (A Community Church). A temporary organization has been developed by the congregation, and work is being completed on a proposed constitution. The United Church is ministering in this community thru its Sunday School, worship services, Scouting, and other community activities.

The congregation is composed of people almost entirely of other denominational background. We have here proof that we can develop churches in the South if we move into an area at the proper time with adequate leadership and enough of an investment to do the job.

The United Church has a great future in the South if we are willing to invest in such ventures. To do our task we need the help of the Church Builders Club and the \$1.00 per member

Annual Meeting Information

Place: Pilgrim Congregational Church, Glenwood at Third, Chattanooga, Tennessee; **Phone:** 615-698-5682. **Pastor:** the Reverend Arnold Slater; **Phone:** 615-267-7758.

Report Of Commission On Our Christian World Mission

Your Commission expresses its gratefulness to the churches for the increase in Basic Support to Our Christian World Mission. The following churches increased their giving over the previous year:

Andalusia, Antioch; LaGrange Hillside; Caddo, First; Pearson, Union Hill; Dadeville, Elder; Pine Mt., Oak Grove; East Tallassee; Savannah, First; Hanceville, Mt. Grove; Waycross, Wms. Chapel; LaFayette, Pleasant Grove; Woodbury, Jones Chapel; Lanett, C. C.;

Evarts, First; Langdale, C. C.; Tougaloo, Union; Phenix City, First; Charles-ton, Circular; Roanoke, Antioch; Roa-noke, Bethany; Roanoke, First; Roa-noke, Forest Home; Roanoke, New Hope; Roanoke, Rock Stand; Charles-ton, Plymouth; Belvidere, First; Chat-tanooga, Pilgrim; Crossville, First; Selma, First, Nashville, Brookmeade; Nashville, Howard;

Sweetwater, United; Shawmut, Todd; Arley, Robertson's Chapel; Steele, Mt. Lebanon; Lanett, Huguley; Tallassee, Mt. Olive; Moulton, Jones Chapel; Baker, Good Hope; Pisgah, C. C.; Am-brose, Christian; Atlanta, First; Roa-noke, Mt. Zion; Atlanta, Rush Mem.; Wadley, Corinth; Beachton, Evergreen; Bowman, Liberty; Columbus, First; Gaillard, Pleasant Hill.

Certificates of appreciation will be given to those who met or surpassed the 1967 OCWM goals.

The General Synod of our church has suggested that the goal for individual giving be a minimum of a tithe. The Commission suggests this be allocated on the basis of 70% to the church, and 30% to other charitable organizations. We commend this to you.

Workshops on Christian Enlistment are being planned for September, 1968. Churches should be represented by their minister and 2-4 lay people. Places, dates and times will be announced later.

We recommend a goal of \$60,000 for Basic Support for Our Christian World Mission giving in 1969, giving \$15,000 to national instrumentalities, with \$500 of this being designated for "The Crisis in the Nation" effort.

Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman

from local churches for Church Building Aid.

R. Hugh Lasseter, Chairman

Report Of The Commission For Lay Life And Work

During the past year the Commission has sought to involve the Conference laity in the life and mission of the church.

Laity workshops were held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, under the leadership of Miss Mae Storey and at Southern Union State Junior College in Wadley, Alabama, under the leadership of Mrs. Walter Hall. Mrs. John Roemer prepared a Material Aid booklet for use by the Conference. It was sent to all churches.

The Commission chairman attended the General Synod in June as a Conference delegate and participated in a committee study of the denomination's Health and Welfare Services.

The Commission sponsored meetings in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee in July. Over 400 attended, representing 56 churches. The laity provided the leadership for these. The Material Aid and the Family Thank offering programs were presented. Some of the groups planned future meetings.

William R. Green Jr. and the Reverend Miss Emilie Pitcock represented the Conference at the Laity Conference in Chicago March 22-24 and reported to the Laity Workshop held March 30-31 in Atlanta at the Inter-denominational Theological Center. At this meeting the 1968-69 Program Opportunities for adults, "Facing the New Day," was presented and the mission study theme, "Southeast Asia," was announced. Audio-visuals were shown; the new materials were available. The evening program was a panel discussion on ecumenical cooperation in our area. Panel members were W. J. Andes, E. A. Driscoll, Miss Emilie Pitcock, Mrs. F. C. Lester, and Mrs. Robert L. Hoyt.

The 1968-69 emphasis of the United Church of Christ, "The Local Church in God's Mission," was stressed throughout the meeting.

Members of the Commission are: Mrs. A. Curtright, Mrs. J. Roemer, Dr. W. Graham, W. R. Green Jr., and Mrs. E. M. Brown.

MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL LAITY

Future meetings to which all laity are invited are: Tennessee-Kentucky Laity Workshop, Robbins, Tennessee, Saturday, June 8; Alabama - N. W. Florida Laity Workshop, Wadley, Alabama, Friday and Saturday, June 14-15; Georgia - South Carolina Laity

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Summary Of Actions Of The Board Of Directors And Its Executive Committee 1967-68

1. Arranged schedules for Peter Poulter and Elizabeth Johnson as 1967 summer workers in the Conference. Poulter is from England and Miss Johnson is from Atlanta. Missionary personnel speakers are: Mrs. Elise Vargas from Honduras and John Crozier from India.

2. Ministers' Health Insurance Program started with 24 ministers now enrolled.

3. OCWM Basic Support Giving from the churches totaled \$47,381.26, with \$14,319.68 going to national support and \$33,061.58 remaining in the Conference.

4. Appointed the following committees:

Executive: Hubert Richter, Olin Sheppard, Dora Brackin, Harold Thomas, Fred Meyer, W. M. Stevens, J. A. French, John Enwright and Mrs. E. M. Brown.

Nominating: Fred Meyer, George Hewson, Rufus Obrecht, Andrew Cooper and Mrs. W. W. Hall.

Finance: Paul Beaird, Edward Driscoll, A. R. Van Cleave, Arnold Slater and J. J. Roemer.

Program for Conference Meeting: Hubert Richter, W. J. Andes, Dora Brackin, W. R. Winterbottom, Annie Campbell, Arnold Slater and R. A. Kampmeier.

1968-69 Emphasis: Allen Hollis, W. W. Hall, J. L. Martin, G. F. Lewis, J. J. Roemer, Floyd Carmack, David Beebe.

Place: Mrs. Edward Askren, G. F. Lewis and Olin E. Sheppard.

Resolutions: J. J. Roemer, Clyde Wilhelm, Gladys Varner, Mrs. A. D. Harry and W. R. Green.

Credentials: Rufus Obrecht, George Hewson, J. H. Dollar, J. T. Enwright.

Registration and Hospitality at Conference: Host Church.

Realignment of Associations: Conference Moderator and Association Moderators.

Memorial: A. R. Van Cleave

5. Southeast Conference Office moved to 2684 Clairmont Rd., NE, Atlanta, Ga.

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Comments From The Conference Ministers

The Conference Minister and the Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work say thanks for your cooperation and helpfulness during the past year. Not only have the churches been open to their coming, but the homes of many people have extended a warm welcome.

Gratitude is also expressed for the great assistance given by the two pastors-at-large, J. H. Dollar and G. L. Colbert.

The generous labors of the national co-laborers, Horace Sills, John DeBoer, Percel Alston, J. E. Lippy, Mrs. F. C. Lester, Edward Brown and K. C. Johnson, have been most helpful.

So many people have given freely of their time and strength that the Southeast Conference faces the future with assurance and hope.

—W. J. Andes and Emilie F. Pitcock

Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

6. Assisted the Bonanza Church in the construction of the new church house and the Huntsville Church in the construction of their new educational building.

7. Accepted the invitation of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, to held the 2nd Annual Session of Conference, April 27, 28, 1968.

8. Church Extension Commission assigned Ecumenical Relations and Church Builders Club responsibilities.

9. Item 9-a of By-Laws changed to read: "The Commission shall be composed of a chairman and six additional members (representing at least four associations) elected by the Conference for a term of one year.

10. Southeast Conference representatives on Dorchester Interim Board of Directors: H. C. McEwen, J. T. Enwright, J. B. Wright, Mrs. A. C. Curt-right, and Arnold Slater.

11. Ministers' Convocations held at Camp Calvin, Jonesboro, Ga., on Jan. 15 - 17, 1968, and at Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn., on April 2 and 3, 1968.

12. Much time spent on discussion of the problems and the establishment of priority goals for the Southeast Conference. These are not fully developed as yet.

Churches Exchange Members, Not Ministers, April 28

Thousands of members of churches related to the Consultation on Church Union will exchange pews on Consultation Visitation Day April 28. In the past years ministers of COCU churches have exchanged pulpits. This year they will remain in their pulpits while members visit their neighbors. The aim of the experience is to give "visibility to our conviction that the church is one," said David Colwell, chairman of COCU.

NCC Issues Interesting And Timely Publications

The National Council of Churches has recently issued three interesting and important publications.

Perhaps most popular in its appeal is HOW CHURCHES FIGHT POVERTY, by Elma Greenwood, available through Friendship Press, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027, at \$1.95. The book portrays how churches are engaged in action to eliminate poverty in urban, suburban, and rural communities from New England to Hawaii.

The second volume, also published by Friendship Press, at \$1.50, is HUMAN VALUES AND ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY: A New Agenda for the Church in Mission. This book contains the major addresses and group reports from a NCC consultation held in Chicago in May.

The third is a study document on "The Right to Strike and the General Welfare." This paper raises and discusses such questions as the right to strike, the responsible use of power, the general welfare, and the role of the government. Copies are available from the Department of Publication Services, NCC, at 55c each.

LAY LIFE . . . (fr. p. 7)

Workshop, Bonanza United Church of Christ, Jonesboro, Georgia, Saturday, June 22.

The Commission members are concerned about the local churches and how they participate in God's Mission. They earnestly ask all lay people to join in seeking ways to deepen faith and commitment.

1967 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1967

Harold H. Thomas, Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Budgeted Receipts:

Board for Homeland Ministries, Div. Chr. Ed.	\$4,000.00
Sale of Cornell Road Property	14,016.99
Miscellaneous	2,124.54

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION RECEIPTS

Alabama - Mississippi Association	1,855.08
Alabama - Tennessee Association	6,388.21
Central Alabama Association	1,141.48
East Alabama Association	5,844.88
North Alabama Association	3,940.81
S. Alabama - N. W. Florida Association	966.88
Georgia - South Carolina Association	15,778.17
Tennessee - Kentucky Association	11,893.56
Other	83.37

TOTAL BUDGETED RECEIPTS

\$ 67,533.97

Unbudgeted Receipts:

Board for Homeland Ministries (church aid, etc.)	26,030.81
Family Thank Offering	915.76
Annie B. Ensminger Trust Fund	729.00
Refund from National Board — Montgomery Parsonage	4,500.00
From Atlanta Federal, for Bonanza Church House	12,480.00
Miscellaneous	7,123.37

TOTAL UNBUDGETED RECEIPTS

51,778.94

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$119,312.91

DISBURSEMENTS

Budgeted Disbursements:

Salaries and Annuities (includes extra Sec. help)	24,992.25
Office (Rent, Telephone, Equipment, Insurance)	3,013.97
Supplies, Materials, Postage	2,008.13
SOUTHEAST NEWS	1,384.52
Organization (Board, Commissions, etc.)	2,184.50
Travel (Conference Min. & Min. of Christian Educ.)	6,331.08
CHURCH AID	8,668.49
NATIONAL BOARDS & AGENCIES	16,483.39

TOTAL BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS

68,257.88

Unbudgeted Disbursements:

To Churches, etc., from Bd. for Homeland Ministries	22,885.15
For Bonanza Church House Down Payment	6,000.00
For Bonanza, Miscellaneous Expense	3,032.46
From Atlanta Federal Savings for Bonanza	12,480.00
For Moving Expenses	1,658.32
Miscellaneous	7,401.64

TOTAL UNBUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS

53,457.57

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$121,715.45

RECAPITULATION

TOTAL RECEIPTS — 1967	\$119,312.91
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS — 1967	121,715.45
BALANCE	—2,402.54
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1967	6,738.69
Plus Salary Deductions	4,336.15
BANK BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1968	1,157.00

\$ 5,493.15

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BUDGET

1968

INCOME

Our Christian World Mission (From Churches)	\$53,750.00
(a) Board of Homeland Ministries 2nd Staff Member (Division of Christian Education)	4,000.00
(b) Board of Homeland Ministries 3rd Staff Member	6,400.00
SEC Share per Capita Dues	450.00
Interest on Savings Certificate	450.00
Fees from Annual Meetings	275.00
Refund on Budget Items	500.00
S. E. News Subscriptions	250.00
Miscellaneous Unbudgeted Items	1,200.00
Expected Capital Outlay	8,046.00
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	\$75,321.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$24,700.00
Annuity Program	2,491.00
Housing Allowance	4,600.00
Social Security	305.00
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United Church of Christ Mission to: National and World Ministries (O. C. W. M. Funds)	14,000.00
Aid to Local Churches	10,500.00
Promotional Materials	1,000.00
Southeast News	1,200.00
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Other Expense: Part-time Secretary	1,500.00
Rent	1,800.00
Telephone & Long Distance	600.00
Insurance — Contents	225.00
Insurance — Employee Benefits	500.00
Office Supplies	400.00
Postage	600.00
Directors & Committee Meetings	2,000.00
Travel Allowance	7,400.00
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Unbudgeted Items: Equipment — Other Items	15,025.00
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	\$75,321.00

STEWARDSHIP INCLUDES RESPONSIBLE GIVING

An Easter Poem

SOUL CLEANING

The warming air is winnowed by the beat of eager wings.

Atop the barren cherry tree Spring's feathered herald sings

The first defiant overture to Winter's certain rout

While on the old forsythia new yellow buds peep out.

From all around the rapturous hum of joy surmounting grief

Speaks life triumphant, jubilant, in every verdant leaf.

This season shall not pass me by, nor leave me desolate,
I will not bide another Spring, nor will my spirit wait.

This is the time of empty tombs, of hearts set free from sin,
And I must clean all dross away that Christ may enter in.

The things of bitterness and pain that I have kept so long
I'll take outside and give away, or barter for a song.

Remorse, regret, resentment, hate will harbor here no more,
And from the back wall of my soul where I have kept the score

Of all my hurts and injuries, when done and by whom given;
The names, deep writ with bitterness of all with whom I've striven

I'll wipe clean with an humble prayer and set my house aright,
Retaining only things that will make my tomorrows bright.

— Homer C. McEwen (March 25, 1968)

Church Aid Budget — 1968

The churches listed below receive financial aid from Conference or denominational sources.

The amounts not in parenthesis are contributed by the Conference; those in parentheses are contributed by denominational instrumentalities.

East Alabama Pastor-at-Large \$600 (\$400); North Alabama Pastor-at-Large (\$900); Atlanta, Bonanza \$2,660 (\$4,-800); Charleston, Circular \$500 (\$500); Huntsville, United \$250 (\$2,250); Montgomery, United \$900 (\$4,300); Nashville, Howard \$1,500 (\$3,000); Pleasant Hill, Community \$500 (\$300); Robbins Parish \$4,000; Sweetwater, First \$500 (\$2,100); Barnes, Homer \$72; Brantley, Liberty \$100; Columbus, First \$600; Haleyville, Union Grove \$100; Talladega, Mount Olive \$600; Waugh, Richard M. \$50.

If money is available, the following church aid grants will be made: Clio, New Hope \$100; Liberty Hill, Houston \$100; Mountain Grove, Hanceville \$100.

Student Summer Service \$500 (\$500).

Totals — Conference \$10,732; denominational instrumentalities \$24,050.

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THEME: "THE LOCAL CHURCH IN GOD'S MISSION"

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1968

9:00 A. M.—Registration

10:00 A. M.—Hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Prayer — Horace J. Traylor, Pastor, First Church, Chattanooga

Call to Order — Hubert Richter, Moderator

Welcome — Arnold Slater, Pastor, Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga

Adoption of Proposed Program

Minutes of 1967 Annual Meeting and of Board of Directors — Miss Dora C. Brackin, Secretary

Suggested Rules for Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

Recognition of Visitors and Fraternal Delegates

Report of the Moderator — Hubert Richter

Presentation of Reports — Mrs. F. C. Lester

Christian Education & Youth — R. W. Hendrix

Church and Ministry — J. A. French

Evangelism — W. W. Hall

Church Extension — Church Builders Club — R. H. Lasseter

Christian Social Action — J. E. Boone

Institutions and Ministries — Arnold Slater

Lay Life and Work — Mrs. E. M. Brown

Our Christian World Mission — J. H. Dollar

Treasurer — H. H. Thomas

1968 Budget — Paul Beaird

1968 - 1969 Emphasis — Allen Hollis

Nominating Committee — Fred Meyer

Memorial Committee — A. R. Van Cleave

SOUTHEAST NEWS & UNITED CHURCH HERALD—Mrs. Thomas Bender

Resolutions Committee — J. J. Roemer

Place Committee — Mrs. E. L. Askren

11:00 A. M.—Address: "The Nature of God's Mission" — Albert C. Bartholomew
Discussion Groups

12:30 P. M.—Lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M.—Call to Order

Prayer — Cliff B. Smith

Panel: "Structuring for God's Mission"

2:30 P. M.—Report from the Executive Council of the General Synod — Mrs. M. F. Jaroszewski, Houston, Texas
Business Session

3:30 P. M.—Discussion Groups: "The Local Church in God's Mission"

SATURDAY EVENING

6:00 P. M.—Dinner at Notre Dame School, Joe Lewis, Moderator of Pilgrim Church,
Presiding

8:00 P. M.—"Getting Started in God's Mission" — G. Harold Meyers and Local
Churches of the Conference
Discussion of the Report of the Resolutions Committee

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 28, 1968

9:00 A. M.—Call to Order

Business Session

11:00 A. M.—Service of Worship — Albert C. Bartholomew, Preacher

12:00 Noon—Conference Adjourns